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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Alan E. Shluzas
Serial No. : 10/087,489
Filing Date : March 1, 2002
For : AN APPARATUS FOR
CONNECTING A LONGITUDINAL
MEMBER TO A BONE PORTION
Group Art Unit : 3732
Examiner : Ramana Anuradha
Attorney Docket No. : A31-6015
Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2004, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins
on page 2 of this paper.

Summary of Interview begins on page 15 of this paper

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.